

## SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH GROUP

### Terms of Reference

The Social Science Research Group (SSRG) is established by agreement of the authorized representatives of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, Director of the United States Information Agency, Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, Director of the Staff of the Operations Coordinating Board and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. It is established in pursuance of the letter of the Director of Central Intelligence to the above named officials which seeks to develop means for coordination of the external social science research sponsored by these agencies for national security purposes.

The primary purposes of the Group will be : (a) to develop where feasible coherent and orderly external research programs providing the maximum benefit in the most efficient manner to the agencies concerned; (b) to insure that applicable internal research is taken into account in developing external research projects; (c) to insure wherever possible the adaptation of external research projects to meet the needs of agencies other than the sponsoring agency; (d) to insure against undesirable duplication between external research projects, and (e) to provide for interchange of information on the results of internal and external research projects among the interested agencies.

In order to facilitate the work of the Group, the Office of the Special Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence for Planning and Coordination will be considered the focal point for the circulation of project proposals and the calling together of the Group at the instance of any member. Insofar as internal needs and procedures of the member agencies permits, it is understood that the members are under obligation to acquaint the SSRG with any major project proposals (including anticipated costs) and any important changes in direction or scope of current projects. Such items will be circulated in the form most convenient to the proposing agency for the information, comment and suggestion of the others and at a point sufficiently early in the formulation of the project that comments and suggestions, if appropriate, can be taken into account prior to conclusion of the contract. In order that the SSRG will have the benefit of inter-agency coordination already achieved, for example by the Economic Intelligence and Scientific Estimates Committees, projects submitted to the SSRG will contain a description of inter-agency coordination accomplished and the result of such coordination. An SSRG member, when

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Approved For Release 2002/09/04 : CIA-RDP61S00750A000200020063-7

providing comments on a proposed project to the Office of the Special Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence for Planning and Coordination, will send a copy of his comments to each SSRC member. It is understood that final responsibility for a project will remain with the sponsoring agency unless by mutual agreement joint sponsorship is evolved.

Each agency representative undertakes to make available to the members annotated lists of internal\* and external research\*\* in process and completed in his agency in order that the existing government resources may be fully utilized in planning external research. Each representative will also provide periodic reports or summaries on the progress and results of active social science external research projects sponsored by his agency.

In the event that the Group does not reach a common agreement about a research project, all the views of the SSRC must be brought to the attention of the official responsible for research and development of the sponsoring agency.

\* such as the listings of the National Intelligence Survey, Office of Intelligence Research, Economic Intelligence Committee and Scientific Estimates Committee

\*\* such as the external research inventory published by State/ERS

Approved For Release 2002/09/04 : CIA-RDP61S00750A000200020063-7

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~